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The graduation exercises of the Middlebury High school will be held in the opera house this evening at 8 o'clock. The following program will be given, assisted by Vittum's orchestra:

Class March, "Swedish Fest," Perfect Orchestra
Prayer, Rev. D. H. Corkran
Overture, "La Princesse June," Saint-Saens

Orchestra
Salutatory and Essay, "White Coal," Dorothy Deane Bliss
Oration, "The Age of Electricity," Albert Austin Houghton
Intermezzo, "After Sunset," Pryor

Orchestra
Essay, "Early Days of Vermont," Estelle Julia Foote
Essay, "Sanitary Requirements for Rural Schools," Clara Mary Morris

Gavotte, "Shadow Land," Gilbert
Orchestra
Oration, "National Organizations for Young Men," Paul Prescott Bristol

Essay and Valedictory, "Eminent Vermont Statesmen," Mary Louise Smith
Selection, "From the Girl Who Smiles," Briquet

Orchestra
Presentation of Diplomas
Rev. Fr. T. J. Leonard

Barcarolle, "O Belle Nuit," Hoffman
Orchestra
Awarding of Prizes

Benediction
March, "Underneath the Stars," Spencer

Orchestra
The following is a list of the graduates:

LATIN COURSE
Philip Deane Aines, Mary Bennett, Dorothy Deane Bliss, Genevieve Rose Burns, Estelle Julia Foote, Evelyn Beatrice Gage, Albert Austin Houghton, Mildred Maud Hunt, Donald Elbert Mead, Smith Seeley Reynolds, Grace Marie Russell, Mary Louise Smith, Lynne Nichols Sunderland, Helen Ruth Walker.

ENGLISH COURSE
Webster Drew Barter, Irene Bullard, Ruth Alice Ferguson, Alice Sargent Holcomb, Hester Urania Hunt, Dolphine Dudley La Fleur, Roger Thomas Higgins.

TEACHING TRAINING COURSE
Anna Rebecca Abbey, Harriet Irene Adams, Elizabeth Julia Baldwin, Clara Dorothy Boudreau, Jessie Elizabeth Brown, Rosella Elizabeth Cota, Margaret Anna Forrest, Clara Mary Morris, Bertha Priour, Edith Elizabeth Sullivan.

POSTGRADUATE
Wanetta Canton Gill.

COMMERCIAL COURSE
Arthur Ellsworth Benedict, Irene Elizabeth Bisette, Paul Prescott Bristol, Laurence Stephen Cole, Adamay Florence Cowles, Marion Kate Crosby, Leslie Edward Day, Melvin Artimus Denio, Kathrynne Elizabeth Dillon, Helen Belle Edels, Leslie Gilbert Gordon, Ruth Alice Leggett.

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CALLED TO PASTORATE OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

At a meeting of the Congregational Religious Society Thursday evening, it was decided to concur with the Congregational church in issuing a call to Rev. Henry C. Newell of Somerville, Conn., to become the pastor of the Congregational church at Middlebury. Action in the committee, the church and the society was unanimous.

Mr. Newell is a graduate of Amherst College in the class of 1901. He was a teacher in Piedmont College, Demarest, Ga., and later became President of that institution. For the past three years, he has been the pastor of the Congregational church in Somerville, Conn. He is a graduate of Hartford Theological seminary and has an excellent record as a student, as preacher and administrator.

HELD FOR FEDERAL COURT.

Charles Payment of Middlebury was taken to Burlington Wednesday by Deputy U. S. Marshall Thomas Reeves and arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Claude D. Graton on a charge of violating the pure food law by offering for sale meat unfit for use. He was bound over to the October term of Federal court at Rutland in \$300 bail which he furnished.

SEELEY DISTRICT SCHOOL CLOSES.

The Seeley school closed Friday, June 9. Pupils having no absent marks during the term were Helen Seeley, Mary Cenate, Joseph Cenate, and Leslie Spencer. Helen Seeley has not been absent or tardy during the entire school year.

POWER PETITION GRANTED.

Right of Incorporation to Develop Power on Middlebury River.

The Public Service Commission has decided to grant the petition of Charles H. Thompson to be allowed to organize a corporation to build a dam on the Middlebury river and sell the power to Barre. But Mr. Thompson must first show his funds and do several other things. The Commission's report is as follows:—

At the hearing, the petitioners introduced evidence that they had acquired certain land or rights to land either in fee or by option on the Middlebury river and that the proposed corporation, if established, proposed to develop a hydro-electric plant at a point called "The Gorge" on said river and to distribute the electricity generated therefrom to the public for power and mechanical purposes only in the towns of Middlebury, Ripton, Lincoln, Hancock, and Granville, in the County of Addison; Warren, Roxbury, Northfield, Berlin, Barre Town, Barre City, and Montpelier, in the County of Washington, and Williamstown in the County of Orange, and also for lighting purposes in the towns of Ripton, Hancock, Lincoln, Warren, Roxbury, Berlin and the village of East Middlebury.

The petitioners introduced evidence concerning a particular plan of development which would be adopted by said corporation and also produced engineering data which tended to show that said particular plan of development was commercially feasible.

The estate of Joseph Battell, which appeared in opposition to the petition, claimed that the proposed plan of development if carried out, would destroy the scenic beauty of Middlebury Gorge; would render necessary a diversion of the highway leading to Bread Loaf Inn, a hotel owned by said estate, and would require the taking of a large amount of land now owned by the said estate. The claim was also made by said estate that the land owned by it which would have to be taken to carry out said plan of development has already been devoted to a public use by the terms of the will of the late Joseph Battell and consequently could not be taken by the exercise of any right of eminent domain by said proposed corporation.

There was considerable dispute in the evidence as to the relative real estate holdings of the Battell estate and of the petitioners. In regard to the contentions of said estate, we find that the proposed plan of development, if carried out, would not injure or impede access by highway to the Bread Loaf Inn, as the proposed plan contemplates the building of a new highway in place of the present highway which would be better than said present highway in grade and construction and would render the Inn equally accessible. While the Commission has a due appreciation of the scenic beauties of the State, we do not feel that such a consideration should be paramount in deciding a question concerning an industrial development of the State of Vermont through the medium of its water powers. In this case, we believe that the advantage of some form of hydro-electric development on the Middlebury River will outweigh the possible impairment of the scenic beauty of the River which might result therefrom. In regard to the possibility of land being taken from the estate of Joseph Battell by condemnation proceedings by the proposed corporation and in regard to the legal right of the corporation so to do, the Commission is of the opinion that the present proceeding is not the one in which to decide these questions. The proposed corporation would have no right to take any of the lands of said estate unless by condemnation proceedings in which the statutory requirements must be shown and even then could not take any land if the same had been previously devoted to a public use.

To undertake to decide those questions in the present proceeding would be going entirely beyond the scope which we attribute to this petition. We will consider these questions when, if ever, they are raised before the Commission directly in a proceeding between the corporation and the estate of Joseph Battell.

The Montpelier & Barre Light & Power Company appeared in opposition to the petition, claiming that it is an established public service corporation supplying Northfield, Berlin, Barre Town, Barre City, Montpelier and Williamstown with electric energy for lighting and power purposes; that it was adequately supplying all the electrical energy demanded by said communities for all purposes; that if the proposed corporation be established, its plan of development carried out, and the electric energy therefrom distributed in said communities, a competitive situation would be created which

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